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Police vans outside Principal Packaging following the blaze

Arson suspected following West Pimbo office fire

POLICE are treating a fire at offices in Pit Hey Place, Skelmersdale on Easter Monday (March 28) as arson.

Emergency services were called to the incident at Principal Packaging, West Pimbo at around 8.35pm.

Four fire engines, more than 30 firefighters, and two aerial ladder platforms from Preston and Hyndburn attended the scene.

Using two jets, two hose reels and four breathing apparatus sets the firefighters finally extinguished the blaze at around 11pm.

The first floor of the building was severely damaged by fire and smoke, while there was moderate fire and heat damage on the ground floor. No-one was hurt in the incident.

A spokesman for Lancashire Police commented: "We are treating the incident as a suspected arson and our investigations are ongoing. Anyone with any information should call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

A spokesman for Lancashire Fire Service said: "A full fire investigation began at 10am on Tuesday, March 29. The investigation will look at any possible CCTV, examine debris and where the seat of the fire was. We will also work with the police."

Principal Packaging supplies a wide range of packaging materials.

ANTI-CRIME FILM IS A NATIONAL HIT

Report by **Henry James**

A FILM made in Skelmersdale as part of an initiative to help young people recognise the risks of becoming involved in organised crime was released this week and is already receiving interest from schools throughout the country.

Crossing the Line, was written, directed and produced by Mark Ashton and Joshua Gwynne of The Artz Centre in Skelmersdale and filmed in locations across the town.

The short film is to be rolled out throughout schools across the region.

More than 120 people attended an exclusive screening of the film including the High Sheriff of Lancashire, Amanda Parker, Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire Constabulary, Det.Ch.Supt. Simon Giles, chief executive of West Lancs Borough Council, Kim Webber and the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy.

The film also provided the opportunity for local young people to learn the artistic side of film making, by becoming involved in its production.

Nearly 100 young people from across the community took part, including Artz Centre students 15-year-old Anthony Ashton and 12-year-old Grace Worth, who play the leading roles.

The film also featured original music by local singer/songwriter Hannah Hill who wrote the title song, Lost in Infinity.

Artz Centre director and the film's producer, Mark Ashton, said: "After 12 months of filming and editing, it was amazing to see so many influential people turn out for the launch of the film. It is important that we receive this level of support if we are going to be successful in rolling this out in schools across the country.

Mark Ashton (centre) writer and producer of Crossing the Line and director Joshua Gwynne (centre right) welcome VIP guests to the premiere.

"We are very proud of the end product and would like this film to continue to help young people for many years to come. As a writer you are trying to provoke a reaction from an audience and that is exactly what we did."

The launch event was compered by the chairman of the West Lancs Community Safety Partnership, David Tilleray, who commented: "It is a very professional and very powerful film, which really makes you think about the choices you make and their implications, both for you and the people who matter most to you - an outstanding piece of work!"

The night was topped off with a special presentation made by Amanda Parker, who surprised Mark Ashton with an award for his services to the community of Skelmersdale and Lancashire.

Mark added: "I was very honoured and humbled to receive such an accolade. It is nice to be recognised for my work and reminds you that what you do is appreciated right across the county.

"I would like to pay tribute to my amazing team of staff and volunteers, who continue to support me on our mission to make a fundamental difference to the people of West Lancashire."

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Emergency care to be targeted in junior docs' strike

By **Henry James**

JUNIOR doctors at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals have planned strike action again for April and for the first time it will include a walk-out of emergency care.

The industrial action scheduled for April 26 will change from 48-hour emergency care only to a full withdrawal of labour by junior doctors between the hours of 8am and 5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 27. Other doctors and staff will continue to provide care during this time.

The 48-hour emergency care only action due to start at 8am on Wednesday, April 6 and end at 8am on Friday, April 8 will go ahead as planned.

In a ballot of junior doctors, 98% of those who voted supported taking industrial action, including a full withdrawal of labour. The British Medical Association claims there has been a continued refusal by the government to step back from its decision to impose a new contract on junior doctors from August this year and resolve the dispute by re-entering talks.

Dr Johann Malawana, BMA junior doctor committee chair, claimed: "We want to end this dispute through talks but the government is making this impossible.

"We deeply regret the disruption to patients and our message to patients is clear; this action is wholly avoidable but the government must choose talks over imposition. The fact that tens of thousands of junior doctors have taken industrial action and 98 per cent of those who voted support action including a full withdrawal of labour, demonstrates the continued strength of feeling amongst junior doctors about this politically-driven imposition."

Negotiations between the BMA and the government broke down in January with disagreements over weekend pay one of the major sticking points.

Rob Gillies, executive medical director, of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "The trust will be working with doctors not affected by the planned strikes, nurses and other clinical staff on robust plans to ensure we continue to provide appropriate care. Some planned services our hospitals provide may be affected.

"Patients in need of emergency hospital care will continue to receive the treatment they need when they need it.

"A&E is for medical emergencies and people facing life-threatening conditions. Anyone who needs help in such circumstances should not hesitate in calling 999."

Junior doctors on strike at Southport Hospital in January

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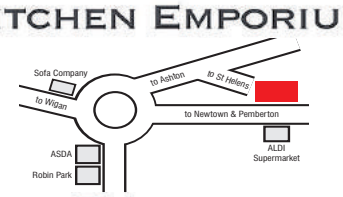

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Four-figure fine for Skem man found guilty of dumping rubbish illegally

Report by **Henry James**

Council committed to hard-line approach to fly-tipping offenders

SUCCESSFUL legal action has been taken against a Skelmersdale man by West Lancs Council over two incidents of rubbish being disposed of illegally within the borough.

At Ormskirk Magistrates Court on Monday, March 21, John Ellison, of Egerton, Skelmersdale, was found guilty of failure to provide waste transfer notes for two large quantities of waste.

The court heard that Mr Ellison, who did not attend the hearing, moved the first set of waste in June 2015 and the second in August 2015 as part of his business.

But on both occasions the rubbish was disposed of illegally.

The first quantity of rubbish was found fly-tipped in the Dalton area of Skelmersdale.

For the second set of rubbish Mr Ellison was found guilty of failing to provide a waste transfer notice, a legal requirement for removing waste as part of a business.

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Mr Ellison was also found guilty of failing to provide information as required under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

He was ordered to pay a fine of £770, £400 costs and a £77 victim surcharge, totalling £1,247.

The council wants to remind all householders that they need to make sure any waste that they have removed is disposed of legally.

Anyone removing waste as part of a business must have a waste carrier's licence and give waste transfer notes to whomever they take waste from.

Householders can check if anyone who removes waste from them has a waste carrier's licence by contacting the Environment Agency.

Dave Tilleray, who heads up the council's environmental enforcement team, said: "This case is the latest prosecution obtained by the council with regards to rubbish being disposed of illegally in West Lancashire.

"The council takes a hard-line approach on these matters and its environmental enforcement team is committed to taking action against offenders wherever possible."

If you think waste has been disposed of illegally then you can report this to the council 24 hours a day on the website www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping. Or you can call 01695 577177 between 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

Pupils from Delph Side primary with college students

Cookery students serve up a healthy nutrition lesson for primary pupils

YOUNGSTERS from Delph Side Primary School in Skelmersdale were certainly given food for thought when they attended a healthy eating and nutrition workshop given by Professiional Ccookery students at West Lancashire College.

Seventeen Year 4 pupils from the school in Eskdale, Tanhouse went along to the workshop to learn about The Art of Food.

The session was led by West Lancashire College, student Dean Richardson and his peers and the school pupils were able to experience the state-of-the-art training kitchens while learning about food hygiene and the different chopping boards for certain foods, as well as healthy eating and nutrition.

The pupils also benefited from the college's 7k worth of IT equipment when they watched a demonstration before having the opportunity to make their own custard tarts.

Year 4 teacher, Miss Ratchford, commented: "Thank-you to the Professional Cookery students at West Lancashire College. We had lots of fun and really enjoyed eating our custard tarts when we got back to school."

Fundraisers from Tawd Vale Lions collect for the Marie Curie Daffodil Day

Lions roar to grand total for cancer charity

OFFICIALS of the Tawd Vale Lions Club are celebrating another 'roaring' success for charity.

The Lions' annual collection for the Marie Curie Daffodil Day fund, held at the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19 raised a record total of £1,288.

Chris Lawn of Tawd Vale Lions said: "Our club members, with the help of friends, have given their time but it is the generosity of people living in and around Skelmersdale that has helped the most to raise this record amount.

"A big thank-you must also go to the Concourse shopping centre management team for their consent and co-operation in enabling this collection to take place as part of their ongoing support to our Lions club."

Sophie Yates, community fundraiser at Marie Curie, commented: "Yet again the Tawd Vale Lions have raised an absolutely incredible amount for Marie Curie, with what they collected in just one weekend equating to more than 60 hours of nursing care.

" A huge thank-you for all the support you have previously and continue to give us and also thanks to Skelmersdale Concourse for allowing us to collect."

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This means that the last train from Liverpool Central to Ormskirk will leave at 9.10pm and the last train from Ormskirk to Liverpool Central will leave at 9.50pm.

The last service to Kirkby will eave Liverpool Central at 9.25pm and the last train from Kirkby to Liverpool Central at 9.48pm.

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Adoption charity in search for loving family home for three young siblings

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A loving family home is being sought so that sisters Lilly, Brodie and Evie can stay together

COULD you provide a loving home for three young sisters aged between two and five?

That's the question being posed to families in West Lancashire by the charity, Adoption Matters.

The charity is currently seeking a suitable loving family environment for siblings Lilly, Brodie and Evie.

And you don't have be an approved adopter to enquire as the charity has stressed that what most matters is that you have the time and commitment to offer the girls a stable and loving family life.

Support will be available to guide you through the process and the charity is looking for a family who can help the girls stay together as they have such a strong and close bond with each other.

Trained

Adoption Matters' bespoke family finding service encourages families to come forward and adopt children who may have been waiting longer for a family.

These are are often older children, sibling groups and children with additional needs.

Any families interested in adopting the girls will be fully trained and supported by Adoption Matters' centre for adoption support service.

Five-year-old Lilly is a lovely, bubbly sociable little girl with a fun sense of humour who makes everyone around her smile and laugh.

She has developmental delay and health needs but is a determined, strong-willed girl who has developed and thrived so much since being in care.

Three-year-old Brodie loves to dance around to her favourite music and likes make-believe play.

And two-year-old Evie loves her toy phones and is always calling people for a chat. Her carers say she's a bit of a nosey parker!

Both Brodie and Evie are meeting all their developmental milestones and are doing very well.

Family finding service manager, Amreen Riaz, commented: "The girls have so much to offer and would be incredibly rewarding.

"They have such a close bond that we really want to find a family who can help them stay together."

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Phil Newby and Owen Hart with the Lord High Sheriff, Amanda Parker

Volunteer trio recognised at Young Citizen Awards event

TWO leaders from Skelmersdale Action For Youth have received commendations at the Lord High Sheriff Young Citizen Awards 2016.

Phil Newby, 19, and Owen Hart, 17, made it through to the final heat of this year's competition which is entered by more than a 100 young people from across the county.

It was the sixth year running that young people from Skelmersdale have reached the final heat.

Community leaders Alan Lewis and Margaret Huyton also nominated James Hughes, 27, for his volunteering at Evermoor Hub and the food bank.

James also helps disabled friends when they attend the Evermoor Hub for activities each week and their lunch every Friday. He received a special award for his volunteering.

Alan and Margaret said: "It was an honour to nominate three young men who go out of their way to serve their community.

Report by **Henry James**

"These young men are outstanding. If there is an employer out there looking for three hard-working young people, please get in touch.

"Phil, Owen and James have volunteered for a number of agencies and groups like SAY, Evermoor Hub and the police cadets.

"They have volunteered on Early Action projects and at Evermoor Hub doing Beat Sweep and Bright Sparx projects. They have also helped at the Greenhill Community Centre Youth Club and have volunteered at the Police HQ Police Open Day.

"Between them they have completed more than over 1,500 hours serving their community.

"Many folk put the young people in the town down, but here are three young men who show that something positive can come out of Skelmersdale."

School squad 'do their bit' for Sport Relief

PUPILS and staff at Holland Moor Primary School did their bit for the Sport Relief Challenge by wearing wacky sports gear and doing a mile circuit of the school grounds either running, jogging or just walking.

A spokesman for the school in Cornbrook, said: "There's a distance for everyone, whether you're sporty or not and everybody proudly completed the challenge

"The total number of miles completed throughout the day by children and staff was 460.

"At the end of the day we had some very tired youngsters and staff and raised £150 for a worthy cause."

● **RIGHT: Some of the Holland Moor pupils who took part in the Sport Relief Challenge**

Police bid to trace pair who helped attack victim

POLICE are seeking to trace a man and woman who helped a man who was knocked unconscious following an attack on a grassed area near the Tanner pub in Skelmersdale.

The attack happened on Tanhouse Road, Elmridge on Sunday, March 13 at about 10pm.

The man and woman are both described as being white and possibly in their mid-40s.

A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "We would like to make contact with the male and female that kindly offered their assistance in order to further our enquiries. If you can help please contact us on 101 or alternatively contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Got a story? Ring the News Desk on 01704 392400

Pupils' greenhouse project takes a 'lotta bottle'!

The pupils with their greenhouse made from plastic bottles

YOUNGSTERS at St Edmund's Catholic Primary had a 'lotta bottle' - literally - when they tackled a project to mark Green Awareness Week.

Nursery and reception pupils from the school in Windrows, Skelmersdale have been busy collecting plastic bottles to make a greenhouse and plant stand. The frames were made from recycled wood from old picnic benches from around the school.

Foundation Stage leader, Francesca Vause, said: "We had a 'bottle-ohmmeter' so that the children could see how many bottles had been collected and how many more were needed. And at the end of Green Awareness Week the greenhouse was 'officially opened' by the child who had brought in the most bottles."

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Care group launches staff health initiative

MANAGEMENT at a care group which operates care homes and a supported living service in West Lancashire have launched new health and wellbeing initiatives aimed at helping employees to stay fit and well.

Staff at the Springhill Care Group, including those at Birch Green Care Home in Ivydale, Skelmersdale, will receive regular visits from a registered nurse to monitor blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and body mass index (BMI).

In addition, the group's chefs are creating menu cards containing healthy recipes, which are aimed at being simple, affordable and part of a balanced diet, providing the vitamins and nutrients required for optimum health. Staff are encouraged to try out these recipes at home.

They are also being provided with a selection of fresh fruit to encourage healthy snacking and help fulfil the quota of five portions of fruit and veg a day.

Ginny Perkins *(pictured)*, head of human resources at the Springhill Care Group, said: "We're dedicated to helping staff keep themselves fit and well, as we continue to promote a healthy, happy working environment across the Springhill Group."

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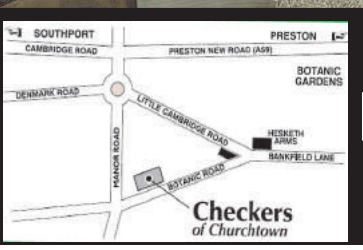

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Junior football club win bumper sponsorship deal with local firm

Report by **Henry James**

Skem North chairman Peter Glatzel presents a framed shirt to Angela Castle flanked by Christopher Castley and John Irving from MenuBoy Ltd.

OFFICIALS and players at a junior football club are celebrating after winning a bumper sponsorship deal with a local company.

Leaflet distribution specialists MenuBoy Ltd., have agreed a two-year deal to sponsor Skem North JFC.

Under the arrangement the company, which is based in Gillibrands Road, Skelmersdale, will provide playing kits for the club's teams which range from under-sevens up to under-16.

MenuBoy director Angela Castley and her team have been impressed with the club's developmen.

After starting with four teams in 2011, the club now caters for got a total of 11 teams including a Kickstart group for under-fives and under-sixes.

Skem North JFC have also been recognised by the Football Association as a Charter Standard Club, which measures organisational, financial, safeguarding and coaching quality.

Every year the club stages a big tournament at Glenburn Sports College which attracts 128 teams from throughout the North West and beyond. This year's tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26.

The club also has links with clubs in West Lancashire's twin towns of Erkrath in Germany, where the Skem North under-14s visit on a yearly basis, and Cergy-Pontoise in France.

Skem North chairman, Peter Glatzel, said: "We are very grateful for the trust MenuBoy Ltd. puts into our club and in times where money is generally tight enabling us to kit out one team in each age group helps us a long way.

"We are also grateful to Angela and her team that they do understand our needs and as the main sponsor of the club still allow us to have different sponsors for additional teams and the Kickstart group, which is going from strength to strength, therefore enabling us to continue growing as a club.

"Thanks to MenuBoy Ltd. we will be able to continue to provide affordable, quality football for the children of Skelmersdale."

Peter Glatzel attended the MenuBoy Ltd. offices to present the company with a framed Skem North shirt as a thank-you for their commitment.

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Search launched for our Spectacle Wearer of the Year

THE search is on for the 2016 Skelmersdale Spectacle Wearer of the Year - and the winner could be in line for a bumper cash prize and the chance to win the trip of a lifetime.

The annual Specsavers specs competition has been launched by Kimberly Wyatt, the former Pussycat Dolls singer and celebrity MasterChef champion who is urging fellow specs wearers to pucker up and enter.

Proud specs wearers from every corner of the UK can enter the competition to be in with a chance of attending the star-studded final in London and lifting the overall crown, along with £10,000 in cash and an all-expenses trip to global fashion capital, New York.

Now in its 21st year, the competition raises valuable funds for anti-bullying charity Kidscape, which has totalled £300,000 to date.

Kimberly said: "My taste in glasses is inspired by my idols Marilyn Monroe and Brigitte Bardot who carried off that sexy cat's eye style so well.

"I've worn glasses since I was a teenager, I need them when I'm reading and writing my blogs, so it's fun to be part of something that celebrates glasses and the people who wear them."

And the 34-year-old added: "Now that I'm a mum myself, I better understand how important it is to make children feel good about themselves. Bullying, whatever the reason, mustn't be tolerated. The fact we're raising awareness and helping make wearing glasses cool for people of all ages is really important."

Sully Patel, store director at Specsavers in Skelmersdale, said: "We want men and women of all ages to wear their specs with pride. The Spectacle Wearer of the Year Awards offer the perfect opportunity for glasses wearers in Skelmersdale to showcase their specs style to the whole country."

Kimberly Wyatt

The competition has five age categories – 16-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-59 and over-60s - plus a Facebook favourite voted for by the public. A winner from each category will win a VIP makeover and will mingle with celebrities at the awards ceremony in London.

For each entry made £1 will be donated to Kidscape, adding to the £300,000 the campaign has raised for the charity over the last six years. Money raised will help to support them in providing training, support and advice for children, parents, schools and those who may be affected by cases of bullying and abuse in the UK.

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Volunteers support the forces community in a range of ways.

These include visiting them at home, assisting with house adaptations for those injured fighting for their country, raising the rent for unemployed veterans struggling with the transition from military to civilian life, befriending elderly veterans and providing support with issues including homelessness, marriage breakdown, debt and mental health problems.

To volunteer, call the charity on 0845 658 1167 or visit www.ssafa.org.uk/newrecruits.

Super slimmers are winners at the double when it comes to losing!

TWO super slimmers from West Lancashire are proving to be winners at the losing game after shedding more than 14 stone between them to be named their respective Slimming World groups' Greatest Loser 2016.

Report by **Henry James**

Ormskirk group winner Jon Jessop says his 10 stone weight loss has changed his life.

He said: "I feel like a new man since losing weight – in fact, I look so different that people who I haven't seen for a while often can't believe I'm the same person!

"For me though it's the change on the inside that's been the biggest – I'm happier, healthier and much more confident now."

The proud 63-year-old weighed more than 29 stone when he joined the Ormskirk group, in April last year. Now he's down to 19 stone 2lb.

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He added: "Before I lost the weight I hid behind a big bubbly personality. I'd pretend it didn't bother me that I was bigger than most other people, but that was far from the truth.

"I hated shopping for clothes and found just climbing up stairs and doing simple everyday tasks would leave me tired and out of breath. In fact, I felt as if I was about to die."

Jon's weight was also putting a huge strain on his health. He suffered with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, chronic back pain and got breathless easily.

People who are severely overweight, with a body mass index (BMI) above 30, are more likely to suffer from health problems like coronary heart disease, arthritis, diabetes and cancer, and obesity is linked to a reduction in life expectancy of between seven and nine years.

Meanwhile, Skelmersdale group winner, Becky Foat decided to join Slimming World after the birth of her second child.

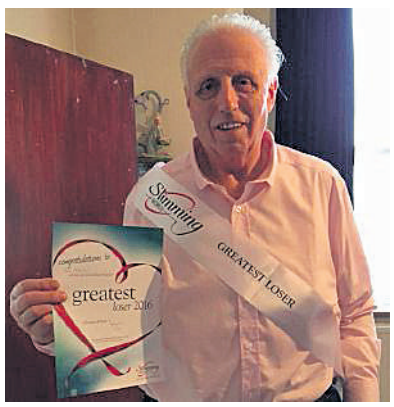
The mum-of-two said: "Walking through those doors was one of the hardest things I've ever done. I was embarrassed about my size and scared that I might be the biggest person there.

"I needn't have worried though, everyone was so friendly, especially my consultant, and I was so relieved when I found out that my weight was confidential between me and her. I'd had visions of having to tell everyone how much I weighed!"

Becky, who has lost 4st 7lb, added: "I still enjoy all my favourite meals, like burgers and chips and roast dinners, but I've learned how to make small changes like using lean meat or cooking with a low calorie spread instead of oil or butter.

"It fits in really well with the rest of my family and we can all eat the same meals. I've dropped three dress sizes and I feel so much healthier."

West Lancs team developer, Tina Whewell, commented: "The changes we've seen in Jon and Becky are incredible."



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Police commissioner welcomes funding boost for volunteer support for vulnerable

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has welcomed news that two bids to the Police Innovation Fund have been successful securing almost £900k for work to help support vulnerable people to lead more fulfilling lives.

Mr Grunshaw joined forces with Lancashire Constabulary and other public services from across Lancashire to bid for Home Office funding to support their early action work.

The money will bring together public and emergency services to improve co-ordination ensuring vulnerable people receive support and intervention before they reach crisis point.

This approach can help reduce demand on the police and other public services and improve life chances for the individual.

The money will be used to set up a single Lancashire Public Service Volunteer hub which aims to support public service volunteering across the county. It will also help support individuals and communities more effectively while making the most of volunteers' time and expertise.

Clive Grunshaw

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In addition, funding has also been allocated for a new case management system that will allow better sharing of data between agencies.

Speaking about the successful bid, Clive Grunshaw said: "In Lancashire we have put early intervention at the heart of what we do. We know that prevention is better than cure and working with vulnerable and at risk people at the earliest opportunity gets the best results for them, whilst reducing the need for more complex work at a later date.

"This money will support our ground-breaking work and put Lancashire at the forefront of this approach nationally and the work will meet the priorities of reducing crime and protecting vulnerable people."

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Nature habitat plan for farmland gets the go-ahead

A PROPOSAL to create a nature habitat in Downholland has been given the go-ahead by West Lancs Council.

Applicant, Mr D. Molyneux was granted planning permission by the council to change the use of former farmland to a nature habitat, including a pond, at Lavender Barn/Mill House Farm, on Greens Lane.

The supporting document with the planning application states: "It is the applicant's intention to reuse the farmyard area for the provision of a natural habitat incorporating the creation of a pond and planting of substantial number of indigenous species to provide a habitat for a variety of wildlife species."

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County council in favour of combined authority

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council has voted in favour of setting up a combined authority after residents and businesses were asked for their views and 70% supported the principle.

The county council gave overwhelming support to the idea when it met to discuss the initial proposals before Christmas and has now agreed to support a formal bid being submitted to the government.

Two thousand residents and businesses took part in the consultation, organised by Lancashire's councils and the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership.

Establishing a combined authority creates a legal body that allows councils to work more closely together on big strategic issues, such as transport and skills, to help secure more investment and jobs for the county. It does not involve any kind of merger between councils.

Jo Turton chief executive of Lancashire County Council

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Jo Turton, chief executive of Lancashire County Council, said: "Lancashire's councils have been working towards setting up a combined authority for some time now and this decision was the next stage in that process.

"Residents and businesses responded very positively to the consultation earlier this year and county councillors have now given it their support.

"At a time when resources are tight and central government is keen to devolve power and funding to a more local level, this is another step towards councils working more closely together on the big strategic issues that affect us all.

"Not all councils have formally made their decision yet but if all goes well we could see a formal bid submitted in the next few months."

Lancashire County Council is one of the first authorities to make a final decision on the proposals.

The consultation covered all parts of the county with the main feedback from the survey being:

• 74% of respondents strongly-agree or tend to agree that a partnership approach is important in Lancashire

• 70% strongly agree or tend to agree with the proposal to establish a combined authority in Lancashire

• Of those who disagree, the main concerns are around where any resources would be focused across the county and the adverse impact it might have on local services

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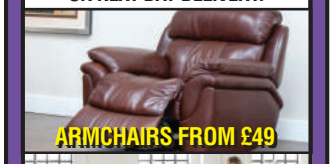

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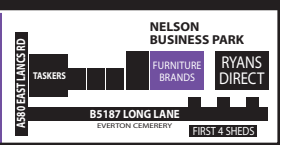

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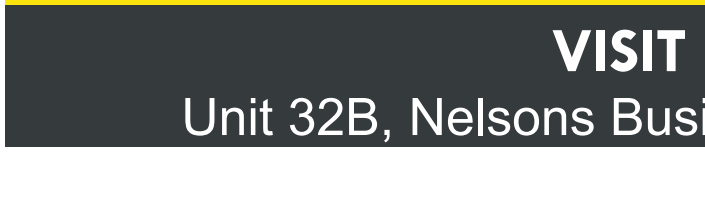

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60-year milestone for village WI group

Members of Bickerstaffe Women's Institute pictured at their 60th anniversary celebration dinner at the Stanley Gate Inn

MEMBERS of the Bickerstaffe Women's Institute celebrated the group's 60-year anniversary in style by holding a special dinner event.

More than 20 ladies gathered at the Stanley Gate Inn to mark the milestone and following their meal they tucked into a celebration cake, baked for the occasion by secretary, Elanor Ball and dished out by president, Hilary Rosbotham.

The group meet on the fourth Monday of every month at the village's Four Lane Ends Mission.

Gallery to host Makers' Markets

THE Chapel Gallery is set to play host to a series of Makers' Markets starting in Ormskirk in May.

The markets will feature an array of more than 30 stalls including clothing, jewellery, cards, paintings, jams and cakes, alongside the exhibition programme, gift shop and café at the gallery in St Helens Road.

The markets will start on Saturday, May 7 and will run from 10am to 4pm.

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Easter campaign to raise awareness of BikeSafe project

LANCASHIRE Constabulary's road policing unit were out and about on Easter Sunday raising awareness of BikeSafe.

A quarter of accidents on the roads resulting in serious injury or deaths are motorcycle accidents. In addition, 60% of all serious accidents involving motorcycles have some contributory factors relating to rider error.

BikeSafe is a police-led project run by most forces throughout the UK with the main aim of reducing the number of bikers being injured on our roads by encouraging riders to take further training.

As part of the project riders undertake a day's course encompassing classroom presentations, observed rides and first aid inputs to improve skills and make riding safer.

Inspector Andy Trotter from the road policing unit said: "Easter marks the start of the biking season. By engaging with bikers early on, we hope to educate riders on hazard awareness and rider errors that contribute towards accidents."

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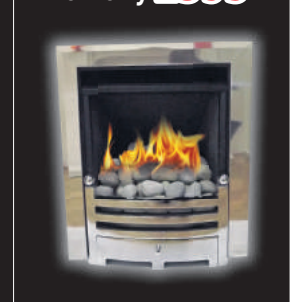

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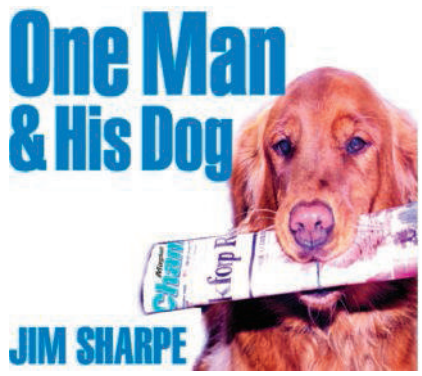

Belle Vue news item brought back smell of Castrol R oil

A SHORT news item I caught on TV the other day brought home memories for me about one Easter past – and the speedway track at the old Belle Vue pleasure grounds in Manchester.

The TV report was about the official opening of the new speedway track – replacing the one I remember – which apparently is a lot better than the one it replaces.

Well, it may be – but it could never replace the track I remember from many, many years ago.

I don't know how old I was, but I was wearing short trousers.

Dad had decided on an Easter Monday day out at Belle Vue, and had booked tickets for the family on a British Railways excursion from Lime Street, direct to the dedicated Belle Vue station.

I remember that journey vividly for two reasons.

One was the train trip in itself – because back then my family did all of its travelling by bus.

And I remember the train was pulled by what looked like an enormous tank locomotive. It was a marvellous machine to a small boy unused to seeing anything more impressive than the electric train to Ormskirk.

I have no real recollection of what we did for most of the day – I do remember blue skies and warm weather – but I do recall our picnic lunch on a hillock in some corner of the grounds.

My brother George and I had a hard-boiled egg rolling competition. Hard-boiled eggs always featured in any picnic, because we loved them (and so did dad). My mum, who provided our outdoor feast, hated boiled eggs (we had to get downwind of her to eat because she couldn't stand the smell) but she must have held her nose as she prepared them.

I can still easily summon up the sights and sounds, and especially the smell of Castrol 'R' oil.

I imagine the new Belle Vue speedway track is better than the one I so fondly remember – but I very much doubt it rivals it in sheer atmosphere.

Really I suppose there are many such things in all our lives that happen every day.

The pub you used to go to with its several rooms and pork pies, pickled eggs and perhaps ham butties which passed for food.

Now you wouldn't recognise it. It's 'family-friendly' has posh nosh and live music has replaced the juke box. It is, I suppose, better in every way – except I liked it the way it was.

And how long will it be before no-one remembers cars without seatbelts, where the heater was an optional extra, where everyone but the rich had to change gear themselves and your car, on its skinny crossply tyres and no ABS got round corners by its driver's skill (and in the rain, often some luck).

It was a good idea too if you could read a map, because there was no GPS to fall back on. Mind you, you could open the bonnet when it broke down (which was probably fairly frequently) and see the loose wire, or know which bit of an engine to clout with a hammer to get it going.

AA patrols saluted you if your car carried an AA badge. Ah, the Good Old Days.

Which is where I am supposed to say: 'But of course they weren't really good at all.'

I'm not going to though.

Sure we are better off (in general) these days.

But somehow a lot of fun has gone out of our lives.

Yes, the new Belle Vue speedway is 'better' than the rather ramshackle track it has replaced.

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The party from the Stocks Hall home, accompanied by volunteers, enjoyed the day trip to the Turbary Woods Owl and Bird Sanctuary in Preston, which is home to a collection of more than 90 birds of prey, including owls, hawks and eagles.

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Expert speakers provide fascinating insight into our Viking heritage

WEST Lancashire Heritage Association hosted a Viking night to remember at the Langham Hall, Ormskirk Emmanuel Methodist Church.

Opening speaker, Steven Harding, professor of biochemistry at the University of Nottingham, reminded his audience how science and scientists now contribute to our developing knowledge about the Vikings through isotope and carbon 14 analysis, for instance, to show where people and their belongings originate.

Professor Harding also spoke about the preservation of various Viking artefacts including boats and explained that earlier preservation methods used alum which reacted with moisture and the iron nails to create acid causin guch damage to the wooden timbers that only the external lacquer holds it together.

And he told the group that at a recent Viking festival, when a replica boat was rowed, it was realised that either the rowing style in the old days was different than today, or more likely Viking men were smaller than formerly believed to be.

Dr David Griffiths, reader in archaeology at Oxford University, referred to the various Anglo-Scandinavian finds in Lancashire, including in Skelmersdale, and recent outstanding find, the Silverdale Horde.

He explained how metal detectors play an increasingly important role in archaeology such as at the site in Cumbria, where 200 silver pieces including ornate bracelets, ingots and coins were found in a lead pot.

Dr Griffiths added that as well as taking land by force, there is evidence of land being bought and sold by the Vikings, trading in silver and gold.

Judith Jesch, professor of Viking studies at the University of Nottingham, spoke about runes and runic inscriptions, the language and the writings of Anglo-Saxons and early Norse people, in use from about 150 AD but gone by the year 1,000.

There was also reference to the Leicester University Viking DNA project in the Wirral and West Lancashire, part two of which - North Lancashire, Cumbria and North Yorkshire - is ongoing.

The group heard how paternal ancestry can be traced back to Viking DNA and how crucial the testing of volunteer men is.

In West Lancashire there has been proved to be most interesting links through many surnames with Hesketh, Pennington, Scarisbrick, Sephton, Swarbrick, Rimmer and Corfe just a few examples of the long list provided at the meeting.

The West Lancashire Heritage Association's next event will be held at Hurlston Hall Golf Club on Sunday, April 24, at 12.30 for 1pm with guest speaker Ken Pye.

Anyone requiring further information can contact Brian on 07713 159 887.

Guest speakers Steven Harding, Judith Jesch and David Griffiths

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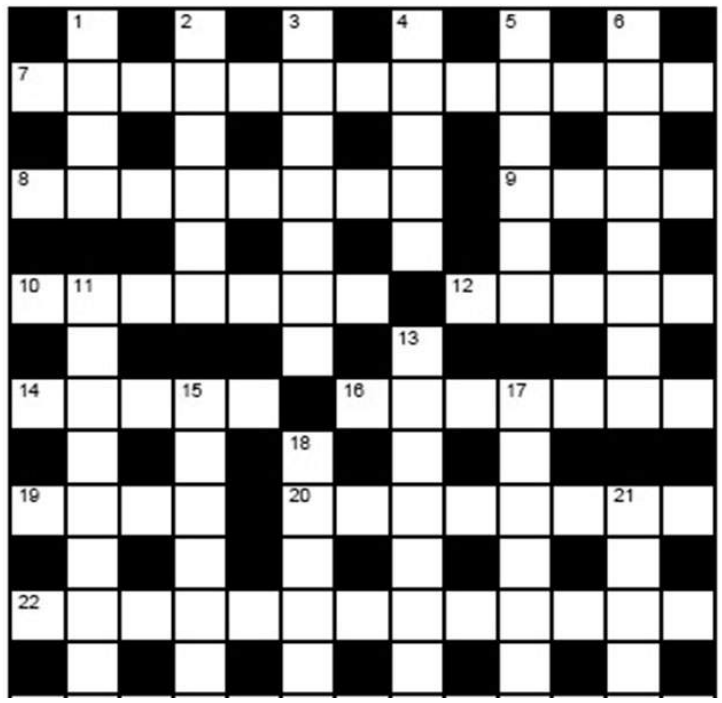

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12 Group of eight (5)
14 Full English breakfast (3-2)
16 Had too much to eat (7)
19 Assists (4)
20 Sailor's dance (8)
22 Dairy product named after a village in Somerset (7,6)

DOWN

1 Operatic song (4)
2 Roughly made model of a person typically created to be destroyed as a protest (6)
3 Deputise (5-2)
4 Young pig (5)
5 Paradoxical (6)
6 Unskilled (8)
11 A road cut into the edge of a cliff (8)
13 Extreme greed (7)
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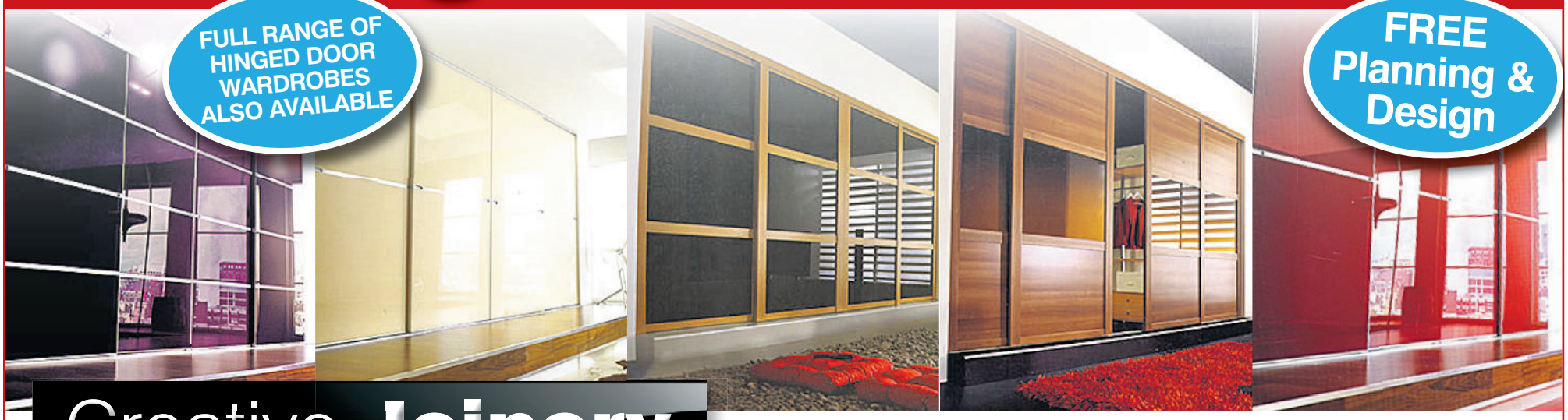

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Free fun events in store for spring

WEST Lancs Council's parks and countryside service have organised a range of free fun events for residents to enjoy around the borough this spring.

Ever fancied trying your arm at crown green bowls? Well, now's your chance to sample this game for the whole family at an introduction to bowling event at Coronation Park, Ormskirk, on Saturday, April 2.

A trained coach will be on hand to show you what to do and children will be especially welcome. Meet at the park's bowling pavilion for 10am to take part.

Then on Monday, April 4 there is an opportunity to enjoy an invigorating five-mile health walk around Up Holland. Meet at Abbey Lakes at 10am to join in.

For more information about the health walk programme check out the website www.westlancs.gov.uk/healthwalks.

And on Saturday, April 16 there will be the latest in a series of clean-up events in Skelmersdale's 'hidden treasure', Tawd Valley Park.

The site has recently benefited from huge amounts of volunteer action. If you would like to be involved in this project meet at 10am at Skelmersdale library.

Please note that under-16s require adult supervision at these three events.

Report by **Henry James**

Meanwhile Junior Rangers can learn more about local wildlife and discover more about the new season's trends and changes at exciting Springwatch events which will take place at the following venues, all starting at 2pm:

- Coronation Park, Ormskirk, Monday, April 18.
- Beacon Country Park, Up Holland, Tuesday, April 19.
- Stanley Coronation Park, Skelmersdale, Wednesday, April 20
- Richmond Park, Burscough, Thursday, April 21

Junior Rangers Club events are aimed at children aged between five and 12. The children will require adult supervision from someone aged 18 or over throughout.

Places at each activity are limited. Booking opens seven days before each event and is essential to avoid disappointment.

To request further information and to book places email beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 622794.

Anyone taking part in any of the above events should wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather, ground conditions and the activity involved.

Ella Attwood with her free book and Gold Reading Trail certificate

Book lover Ella hits the library challenge gold trail

YOUNG book lover Ella Attwood has struck 'gold' in a scheme which aims to encourage children to read.

The 10-year-old, a member at Burscough library, successfully completed the Lancashire Reading Trail challenge by reading 50 books and writing reviews. She was awarded a Gold Reading Trail certificate and also won a free book of her choice.

Any youngsters wishing to tackle the challenge can pop in to their nearest Lancashire library and ask for details.

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Police and students in forensic alliance

POLICE and students in Lancashire are teaming up to develop the study of forensic science in the county.

Lancashire Police, the office of the county's police and crime commissioner and the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) have entered into an agreement to establish a Forensic Academy Strategic Alliance.

Its aim is to provide opportunities in forensic-related studies to research projects, develop techniques in forensic and criminal investigations and improve employability prospects for students in Lancashire.

The agreement will give practical experience, skills and professional accreditation to those wishing to pursue a career in policing and the field of forensic science.

As part of the alliance, Lancashire Police is looking at improving its own capabilities, skills and

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

resources to help students with their studies.

Deputy chief constable of Lancashire, Andy Rhodes, said: "The Forensic Academy Strategic Alliance is a step towards an exciting future for forensic and crime scene investigation within Lancashire.

"Building upon our current successful relationship with UCLan, we have the opportunity to really focus upon a key area of our business with them. We look forward to enhancing our own capabilities, skills and resources alongside assisting students with their research.

"The work is among the first of its kind in the UK and promises to deliver true innovation and potential growth through collaboration. It will ultimately help us to be at the cutting edge of forensic science and enable us to better protect the people of Lancashire."

Professor Mike Thomas, vice-chancellor at UCLan, added: "The university has enjoyed a long and productive educational partnership with Lancashire Constabulary.

Positive impact

"The proposed Forensic Academy Strategic Alliance will help our partnership to grow even stronger particularly in the area of joint, real-world research programmes that not only bring about positive social impact within our communities but which also help to inform the future of our teaching curriculum in the areas of forensic science and policing."

Under the agreement, officers and students are expected to share facilities at Lancashire Constabulary headquarters in Hutton and the university in Preston.

A start date for forensic academy programmes has yet to be confirmed.

Angela Harrison, director at the office of the police and crime commissioner, said: "We already work closely with UCLan and the proposed forensic academy will build on the good work already being done.

"As well as meaning students have the necessary experience and are ready for work when they graduate, this will help us to improve the performance of Lancashire Police through high-quality research and embracing the latest technology."

Lancashire's new High Sheriff, John Barnett and his wife Danielle

County's new High Sheriff to be sworn in next week

A BUSINESSMAN and charity patron has been appointed as Lancashire's new High Sheriff.

John Barnett takes over the role from the outgoing High Sheriff Amanda Parker and will be officially sworn in at a special ceremony on Friday, April 8.

The 65-year-old is a well-known figure in Blackpool where he has lived all his life and was instrumental in the creation of Radio Wave 96.5 FM which used as a platform to continue and grow his charitable involvement, helping to raise millions for local charities.

More than 33 years ago, John and wife Danielle started the successful Stardream group of companies. With support from the radio station, £96,500 was raised to establish Blackpool Carers Centre – now Fylde Coast Carers Trust - where John remains patron.

He also actively supports the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC) and Blackpool's Business Improvement District.

John said: "This is a huge honour for me and my family. I will carry out the work for the people of Lancashire in this historic role to the best of my abilities."

As the office of High Sheriff is an unpaid and voluntary role, John is well placed to support the voluntary sector in supporting those most in need and encouraging others to follow.

The High Sheriff of Lancashire is appointed personally by the Queen and the role includes a duty to 'protect and assist in upholding the dignity and well-being of Her Majesty's judges and to project the principles of encouraging responsible citizenship and respect for the diversity of the community which lie at the heart of the constitution.

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Sam will open a brand new group in The Toby Tavern in Skelmersdale, bringing the first Saturday Slimming World group to Skem.

"Saturday is a great day for group... and early Saturday is always a popular time as people have time to get weighed and get loads of hints and tips to enjoy the weekend and still achieve the weight loss they want to see next week," says Sam.

Sam, who lived in Skem when it was being built, has since moved to neighbouring Ormskirk, where she joined Tina Whewell's group, after struggling with her weight for most of her adult life. When her daughter told her she was going to be Mother of the Bride, she decided to tackle her weight with the wedding as an incentive.

"I joined Tina's group at a very low point, I had struggled and tried every diet I could find. I thought the only way to lose weight was live on cottage cheese and crispbread and go to bed hungry every night! I love food and did not believe I could ever be at a weight where I was happy and healthy, and size 12 clothes were something I had not worn since I was 12 years old!

I went on to lose 5 stone 8lbs and was so impressed with the generous eating plan that I wanted to tell everybody how fantastic Slimming World was. It didn't seem real that I could enjoy the same meals as my family, roast dinners, curry and rice, pasta and even chips and a glass of wine! I took over a group in Southport and loved helping others to achieve their weight loss dreams. It is amazing to help people to lose weight without going hungry and feeling guilty. It is fabulous to help people overcome their weight problem and totally transform their lives! I have loved every minute! We get to talk about and eat gorgeous food, and lose weight at the same time! I wished someone had shown me this eating plan thirty years ago!!

When the opportunity came to bring a Saturday group to Skem, to help people to realise their dreams and achieve their weight loss goals, I felt a draw I just could not ignore, it felt like I was coming home!"

You can contact Sam on 07909 673633, call in to her brand new group, Saturdays at 8.30am in The Toby Tavern (Harry's Bar), Ashurst, Skelmersdale, or visit Sam's Slimming World Skelmersdale page on facebook.

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Anyone for tennis?

Club offers free membership and coaching in bid to attract new blood

IT might not feel like it but summer is on the way and officials of a local tennis club are inviting prospective new members a chance to take advantage of its facilities and improve their game with some expert tuition.

The summer season officially starts at Town Green Tennis Club, Winifred Lane, Aughton from Tuesday, April 12 and would-be members and family members are invited to go along and try out the game, view the courts and enjoy free coaching with the club's coach, Bill Dow.

The club is seeking to recruit new members and the joining fee has been waived during April and May.

It is open to all ages from eight years upwards and players of all standards are made welcome.

Social tennis is offered on Tuesday evening club nights, while for the more competitive-minded tennis the club fields teams in both the Liverpool and Southport leagues.

There are also social doubles competitions and the club has a thriving U3A section for retired members who play on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

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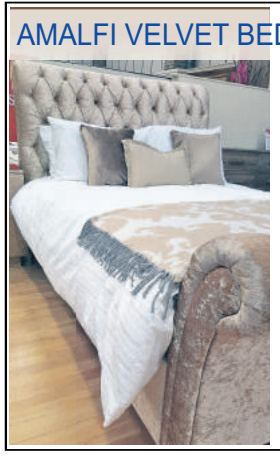

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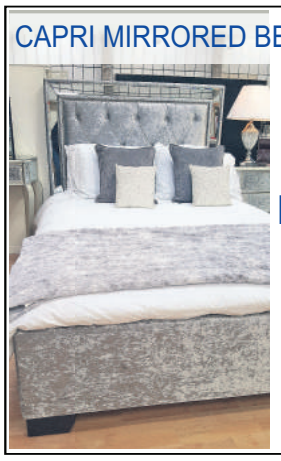

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Car lovers' helping hand for children's charity

MEMBERS of a car enthusiasts club have donated £75 to a West Lancashire charity for children with disabilities.

Gill Kirton, a member of the West Lancashire MG Owners Club, presented a cheque to Jill Boardman, chief executive of Twinkle House which provides a sensory support service for children and young adults with disabilities in and around the West Lancashire area.

Club member Steve Kirton said that the club had raised the money through an Easter-themed club night when they raffled off a chocolate hamper that one of the members had donated.

Steve said: "Our club is all about having a good time and socialising whilst raising funds for brilliant local charities."

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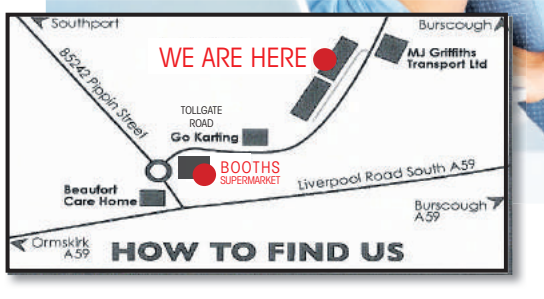

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The Hollies

Hollies continue never-ending tour

ONE of the original Brit Pop bands, The Hollies, are to play at Southport Theatre this Friday (April 1).

The band will perform their classics including: The Air That I Breathe, Carrie Anne, Jennifer Eccles, Bus Stop, Just One Look, Stop, Stop, Stop, On A Carousel, Long Cool Woman (In A Black Dress), He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother- and many more hits in a brilliant two-hour Hollies' celebration.

As players in the 1960s' British Pop Revolution - a time when British bands first conquered the world, The Hollies' hallmark vocal harmony has not wavered throughout 50 years of continuous touring, performing and recording.

From 1963 through to the mid-70's, The Hollies had more hits than even the Beatles – 18 top ten hits in that period alone. Their most recent number one was He Ain't Heavy in 1988.

At the heart of The Hollies, are the integral, original members – powerhouse drummer Bobby Elliott and singer, songwriter and lead guitarist, Tony Hicks. They have toured each and every year for more than 50 years.

Classical guitarist to perform at hall

ONE of the finest young British, classical guitarists, is to give a concert of Masterworks of the Guitar on Saturday. April 9 at 7.45pm in the Auditorium at Parbold Village Hall.

Martin Bickerton is one of the most exciting young guitarists of his generation and the great guitar virtuoso, Craig Ogden has praised Martin's compelling performances of a broad range of repertoire at an event that should not be missed.

His programme, will include classic guitar pieces from the eighteenth and twentieth centuries by Granados, Aguardo, Torroba, Tansman, two of which have been specially arranged by Martin. He plays a 2009, seven string guitar by the English luthier, Stephen Hill.

Born in Southport, in 1989, Martin started his musical life studying percussion and singing but at the age of 10 became inspired by the guitar for its combination of percussive and lyrical qualities.

He studied at the Chetham's School of Music and was awarded a major entrance scholarship to the Royal Northern College of Music and studied with Craig Ogden.

Graduating with a first class Honours in 2011, Martin has since been studying in Italy with Edoardo Catemario in Italy, supported by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust.

In 2014, he was presented with the Interpretation Prize from the International Piñero Guitar Competition. Martin has performed as a soloist at many notable and prestigious venues including Manchester's Bridgewater Hall, Flixton House and Killarney Cathedral. He has also performed as part of the Lake District International Summer Music Festival and has been broadcast live on BBC Radio 3.

In 2012 Martin was invited to perform for the Queen as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Forthcoming events include performances by international concert pianist, Peter Donohoe on Saturday, May 7 and in the Midsummer Festival, the Moscow International Chopin Piano Competition winner, Anna Fedorova, on Saturday, June 18 followed by popular virtuoso violinist, Julian Gregory and a trio of fellow musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra on Sunday, June 19. On Saturday, April 30, Douglas Music present a special Concert when six very talented young musicians, guitarists, singers, pianists, will perform a variety of music on a range of wonderful instruments. The concert will be a celebration of music-making by North West young people and will introduce the 2017 Young Musicians' Showcase planned for April next year.

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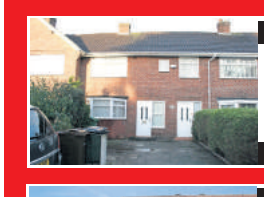

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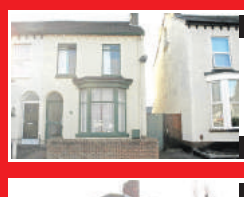

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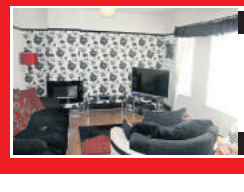

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A much loved Uncle, and Brother-in-law to Pauline.
Funeral Service will take place at St Mary the Virgin Church, Rufford on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 1:30pm, followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough L40 7SP at 2:30pm.
Family flowers only by request please.
Donations if so desired are being gratefully received by the family for Derian House Children's Hospice and Rufford Cricket Club. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770

DEATHS

PENNINGTON GENEVIEVE (GENNY)

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18th March 2016

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(B5240 LYELAKE LANE, BLAGUEGATE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5240 Lyelake Lane, Blaguegate from its junction with A570 Rainford Road, Bickerstaffe to its junction with A577 Dickets Lane, in the borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1800 hours from Friday 1st April 2016 until Tuesday 5th April 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A577 Dickets Lane – A577 Blaguegate Lane – A577 Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale – B5312 Railway Road, Skelmersdale – B5312 Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale – B5312 Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/1880/TR]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SPRING TRIATHLON EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle (with the exception of event support vehicles),from proceeding over the following lengths of road, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
i. Ruff Lane from a point 5 metres North West of its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteleys Lane;
ii. Whiteleys Lane from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road
iii. Scarth Hill Lane from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with A570 St Helens Road
An alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: - A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road – A577 Crosshall Brow – A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable the West Lancashire Spring Triathlon 2015 event to take place.
The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours until 1200 hours on Sunday 10th April 2016, or until completion of the event if sooner.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/8/16/2357/ARH]

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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Advertisement of a Draft Determination for an environmental permit variation application: Whitemoss Landfill Limited

Reference number: EPR/DP3639LM/V005
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End date for representations: 27 April 2016

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HALL LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hall Lane, Lathom from its junction with Briars Lane to its junction with Spa Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Wednesday 6th April 2016 until 1700 hours on Tuesday 12th April 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom – A5209 Square Lane, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough – A59 High Lane, Ormskirk – B5319 Burscough Road, Ormskirk – A570 Derby Street, Ormskirk – A570 Stanley Street, Ormskirk – A577 Wigan Road, Ormskirk – A577 Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk – A577 Wigan Road, Ormskirk – B5240 Plough Lane, Lathom.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/1879/WH]

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the borough of West Lancashire.
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ii. Hall Lane, at its junction with Hurst Lane
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iv. New Way, from its junction with Voce's Lane to its junction with Back Lane
2. The prohibition will be operative between 0900 hours and 1700 hours on the following dates
i. From Monday 4th April 2016 until Friday 15th April 2016
ii. From Friday 22nd April 2016 until Friday 29th April2016
iii. From Tuesday 3rd May 2016 until Friday 6th May 2016
iv. From Monday 9th May 2016 until Friday 20th May 2016
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures will be signed locally.
The temporary prohibitions are necessary to allow new water main works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/16/08/2361/ARH]

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APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0279/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters for the erection of 211 dwellings including associated infrastructure and details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at Henry Alty Ltd, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2016/0328/LBC Listed Building Consent - Proposed reduction in height and repair of wall to walled garden at Moor Hall, Prescot Road, Aughton.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
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Cayenne owners are urged to check cars

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It takes about half an hour to remedy the problem at your nearest dealer, so go to www.porsche.co.uk if you think you're affected.

Classic car breakfast meetings start in April

CLASSIC car owners will be showing off their vehicles at the first of a series of 2016 breakfast meetings in Wrightington this Sunday (3 April).

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A FEW subtle changes can add up to make a big difference. Just ask McDonalds.

It's not often I venture through the golden arches of temptation but a quick stop at one at the other day verged on blowing my mind. What I've grown up expecting is a slew of bored teenagers queuing up in a haze of salty smells to get a quick fix before shuffling past the paintings of Ronald and his crew to sit down on cheap plastic chairs before diving face first into a fistful of fries. Yet out of nowhere the clown's been given his P45 and replaced with the sort of service you'd expect in a first class departure lounge.

Ordering was a case of pressing a few buttons on a giant touchscreen. A few minutes later, someone would bring your fifteen minutes of calorific shame straight to your table, where you're able to plug your phone into one of the chargers provided or check the news on an iPad-esque tablet attached to the table. It's the sort of overnight image overhaul Madonna would be proud of.

Vauxhall hasn't managed quite the same shock factor with its latest Astra, largely because people – quite rightly – liked the look of the old one and at a casual glance the current one looks barely any different. Peer a bit more closely and there's a big silver strip running across the radiator grille and an angular new treatment of the glass behind the rear doors, but basically it's business as usual. No bad thing; the old one was one of the snazziest looking contenders for your family car cash.

In fact, the reason why it's just won the European Car of the Year gong is because of all the little tweaks to iron out all the old one's vaguely rubbish qualities. Knocking the Astra in this corner of the country is a tricky task because it's built here in the North West - but I'm sure even the people whose jobs depend on it will happily admit its dashboard was far too fussy and the windscreen pillars were so huge it made it feel like you were driving a four-wheeled bird hide. Most frustratingly, it handled competently but never threw any fun into the equation – it'd do everything well but never in a way that'd make you actively enjoy it.

Vauxhall's listened. The new car has slimmer A-pillars that make the interior airier, and now there are fewer buttons and a touchscreen to make the dashboard feel less hectic. It's also – and I've just spent a few days driving various versions of the new Sport Tourer estate version around the French Alps – noticeably nicer to drive than the outgoing car. The Astra's gone from being something I dread in games of Hire Car Lottery to a car I look forward to.

In fact, it's pulled off something I wasn't expecting. For the first time in nearly a decade the Astra's a better buy than the Focus. Well done Vauxhall – have some fries on me!

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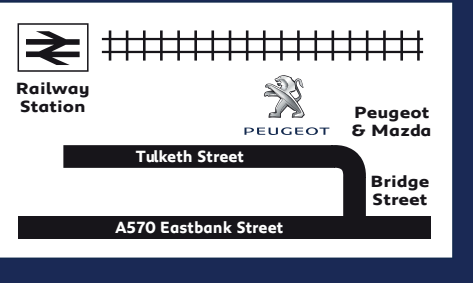

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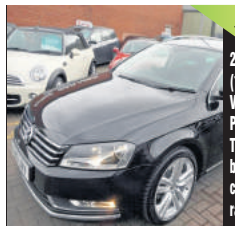

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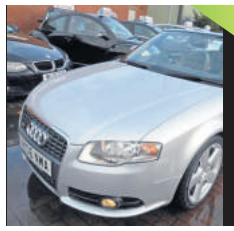

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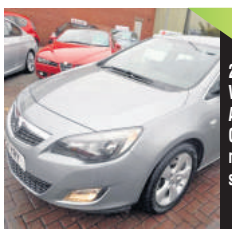

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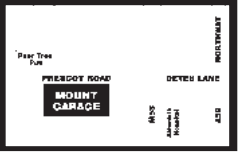

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Aim now is to climb the table

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SAT on 47 points with six games remaining it could be said that Skelmersdale United have done enough to make sure they are playing Evo-Stik Premier Division football next season - but another three points would just rubber stamp things for Tommy Lawson's side.

They have an opportunity to acquire those illusive three points on Saturday when they entertain Barwell at Stormy Corner, 3pm kick off.

Easter saw a 2-1 away victory at Matlock Town followed by a rather unlucky 1-0 home defeat against Nantwich Town, but it also saw Tommy Lawson shuffle his pack player wise and give one or two players the chance to show exactly what they can do with next season in mind.

Over the two Easter games it was notable how well recent signing Ian Rowlands has taken to this higher level, he joined Skem from North-West Counties team Ashton Athletic.

The signing on deadline for the Evo-Stik League passed last week so no more new men can be brought in to strengthen the Skelmersdale squad, but defensively has looked a lot more solid over recent games.

The defence will be put to the test by the Leicestershire based opponents on Saturday as they are known for putting a high ball into their opponent's penalty box as often as possible, so central defender and captain Rob McIntosh will have to marshal his fellow defenders well on the day

Feisty encounter decided by penalty

Skelmersdale United 0
Nantwich Town 1

A FEISTY encounter at Stormy Corner saw ten-man Skelmersdale lost out to a hotly disputed penalty, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Skelmersdale made a bright start and forced the keeper into some fine saves in the opening 20 minutes.

Baillie's shot was probably Nantwich's best effort of the half, Skelmersdale's came in the 37th minute when Mike Brewster took the ball from Shaun Holden on the left, cut inside but saw his shot curl wide.

It hadn't been a memorable 45 minutes of football, but it had been very even.

Nantwich are astrong team and they put that to good use after the restart with a series of corners, but the Skelmersdale defence held firm. In the 71st minute Josh Hancock carried the ball into the Skelmersdale area and seemed to go to ground very easily, a penalty was given, after a bit of pushing and shoving, Elliott Osbourne hit the penalty low to Fearon's right-hand.

Skelmersdale defend a cross. Picture by John Driscoll.

In the 81st minute Skelmersdale were reduced to ten men.

Teenager Tony Donaldson tackled Steve Jones and the experienced forward appeared to stamp on Donaldson's face.

Louis Corrigan retaliated and was rightly sent off, but Jones somehow escaped with only a yellow card.

Skelmersdale, now a man down, went on the offensive but Nantwich almost netted on the counter-attack, Osbourne missing with the goal at his mercy.

Nantwich defended out to the end of the game which by the end had lost its spirit.

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Late own goal gives three points to Skem

Matlock Town 1
Skelmersdale United 2

SKELMERSDALE returned from Causeway Lane with a first ever victory and three valuable points thanks to a late own goal.

Tommy Lawson's men were rather hard done to find themselves behind to a 14th minute penalty but they fought back strongly to win the game. Matlock were awarded the spot kick after Niall McManus ran into the Skelmersdale area from the left and was pushed by Phil Mooney and Rob McIntosh.

Wilson then slammed home the penalty low to Martin Fearon's right-hand to give the home side the lead.

Skelmersdale started to get more of the possession from this point on, though the nearest they came to levelling was when Wilson blocked a Chris Almond effort from an acute angle.

That was until the 43rd minute, Shaun Holden drove a corner on from the right, and McIntosh evaded his marker and headed home from around four yards out.

Going in on level terms at the interval was the least Skelmersdale deserved.

The winning goal came in the 80th minute after a period of pressure. Vince Bailey lobbed the ball into the goalmouth and it hit defender Burgin, who was grappling with Hazeldine, before going into the net.

It was the element of luck that Skelmersdale needed as they held on to win.

Linnets keep promotion hopes alive with away win

Burscough 1
Northwich Victoria 1

Prescot Cables 0
Burscough 3

BURSCOUGH picked up four points in two games over the Easter period to keep their promotion hopes alive.

The Linnets were held to a draw last Saturday when they hosted play-off chasing rivals Northwich Victoria and then on Bank Holiday Monday travelled to Prescot Cables and won 3-0.

Saturday's game was a huge encounter for both sides, as Northwich are only one place above Burscough in the table and with only six games remaining, it promises to be a tense finish to the campaign.

Northwich took the lead after only ten minutes with Richie Bennett's headed strike handing the Green and Whites' an early lead.

The goal came from Mike Clarke's cross-field ball whichfound the run of Brian Summerskill who then cushioned a header into the path of Bennett. Hethen sent a looping header across keeper Calvin Hare into the far top corner of the net from ten yards out.

The game then became scrappy with no real pattern developing; owing much to the driving rain and wind that began midway through the first half.

Burscough had the last attempt at goal of the half when Will Jones'header lacked direction and went comfortably wide following a deep right-wing cross by full-back Phil Quirk. The second half began much the same way that the first had ended with both sides sharing, and squandering possession.

Burscough's defence can't stop Bennett from heading

Burscough got back on level terms quickly though. On 53 minutes, a long ball forward by Nick Ryan found the lively Matty Devine just outside the box.

With Northwich's defence caught square, Devine continued his run inside the box, letting the ball bounce before sending a lobbed right-foot finish over the exposed Lewis King who had come off his line.

Burscough then pushed on looking for the winner and should have taken the lead on 73 minutes when Will Jones' cut-back from the touchline reached Mike Monaghan who was unmarked eight yards out, but with time and space to pick his spot he fired just wide of the far-post.

On Bank Holiday Monday, Burscough put three past Prescot Cables thanks to goals from Bradley Carroll, William Smart and Karl Noon.

Next up for Burscough is a home tie on Thursday against Clitheroe and then an away trip to Radcliffe Borough on Saturday, April 2.

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